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Subject: RSC Distribution: Expedited Action Item - CEQ White Paper for EPA Review: "Environmental Impact Statement Timelines (2010-2017)"
Attachments: Draft_EIS Timeline Report 2018-08-22.docx; CEQ EIS Timeline Data Spreadsheet.xlsx
Importance: High

For comment by Noon, Wednesday, 09/19

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Attached for EO 12866 / 13563 interagency review and comment is a draft White Paper from CEQ entitled "*Environmental Impact Statement Timelines (2010-2017)*."

Summary: This document presents information on the time that Federal agencies took to complete environmental impact statements (EISs) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347, and related Records of Decision (RODs) between 2010 and 2017. The draft report includes figures reflecting the length of time from issuance of a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS through publication of a draft and final EIS and publication of a ROD, as well as a summary of considerations and limitations that may affect the timelines presented.

Note: We spoke with OMB to get some clarification on a couple of points about this review:

- 1) The audience for the white paper is the general public. It will be posted on CEQ's website and widely disseminated, but not formally published.
- 2) The comment deadline is firm, so comments must be submitted by no later than 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, 09/19, or they may not be considered for the Agency's response (see below for comment coordination information).

Process Notes / Tips for Responding

OP's Office of Federal Activities (OFA) is the office with subject matter expertise regarding this draft White Paper, so they will take the lead reconciling, compiling, and clearing the Agency's response.

Please submit comments via your Regulatory Steering Committee (RSC) Representative, or Regional Regulatory Contact (RRC), who should send them to the proxy mailbox, InteragencyReviews@epa.gov, as well as to OFA's Robert Tomiak (tomiak.robert@epa.gov) and Kelly Knight (knight.kelly@epa.gov).

There is no strict response format, however, to facilitate compilation of the Agency's comments, please:

- use "Track Changes" (i.e., redline/strikeout and comment 'bubbles') to directly insert comments into the file(s) and
- for general comments/concerns/observations, add them to a new blank page inserted at the beginning of the file, or provide in a separate MSWord file.

Comments do not require documented management approval, but should represent the views of the commenting AA- / RA-ship.

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